Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), 169.09 lakh persons (47.15 per cent of the population) live below poverty line in Orissa in 1999-2000. The estimate of number of families living Below Poverty Line is not available.

In addition to the on-going programmes of the State Government and Central Schemes for poverty alleviation and employment generation, Special Central Assistance of Rs. 100 crore has been allocated under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana for the Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa.

Creation of job opportunities in U.P.

3072. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take effective measures to create job opportunities for educated unemployed youths through setting up of industries and small scale industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Union Government is implementing a scheme under the name "Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana" (PMRY) for creating self-employment opportunities through setting up of business and industries for educated youth in the country including Uttar Pradesh. The Office of the Development Commissioner for Small Scale Industries implements this scheme.

Slashing of KBK grant for Orissa

3073. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports captioned "Centre may slash KBK grant" in Orissa as reported in the Bhubaneswar New Indian Express dated the 16th September, 2002; and

(b) if so, the extent of such cut down and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.